



## ESD Facts & Figures

### Un/employment info

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Statewide, Sep09: 9.3% (9% in Aug)

Statewide, Sep08: 5.5%

Highest county (9/09): Pend Oreille, 12.2%

Lowest county (9/09): San Juan, 4.8%

Job growth/loss, Aug09: -8,000 jobs (yr/yr,  
-126,100; recession loss, -145,400)

Growth industries (9/09): Retail (+300),  
transportation/warehousing/utilities (+100)

Declining industries (9/09): Gov't (-7,100),  
manufacturing (-2,700), construction (-2,300)

Total non-agricultural jobs (9/09): 2.8M

Total employed workers, w/ag (9/09): 3.25M

### UI claims/benefits

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UI claimants: Sep09=223,727 (CY2008=289,637)

UI benefits paid: Sep09=\$309M; YTD=\$2.6B  
(CY2008=\$1.2B)

Continued claims: Sep09, up 119% from Sep08

Ave. weeks on UI: Oct08-Sep09=17.1 wks

Ext.-benefit exhaustions thru Sep09: 5,368

Potential EB exhaustions: 18,781 by end of 2009

Overpays issued/collected: Sep09=\$9.7M / \$5M

Highest/lowest weekly benefit: \$630/\$225  
(includes temporary stimulus increases)

Ave. weekly benefit: 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr 2009=\$423

UI telecenter: 800-318-6022

EUC/EB help line: 877-558-8509

Employer help line: 877-504-5607

### UI taxes/trust fund

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UI taxes collected: Jan-Sep 09=\$762M  
(2007=\$1.23B; 2008=\$1.1B)

Trust fund balance: Sep09=\$3B (15.4 mos.)

Low/high UI tax rates, 2009: 0.35-6%  
(min/max=\$125-\$2,142 per employee/yr.)

Taxable wage base: \$36,800

UI tax help line: 888-836-1900

### Shared-Work approvals (as of Oct. 10)

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Employers: 2,339 (87% W-WA; 63% central  
Puget)(34% manuf.; 16% construction; 13%  
pro/tech services; 12% wholesale trade)

Workers: 44,391  
(87% W-WA; 68% central Puget) (68% manuf.; 9%  
wholesale; 6% const; 5% pro/science/tech svcs)

Shared-Work help line: 800-752-2500

### ARRA results (thru Oct. 10) ([esd.wa.gov/recovery](http://esd.wa.gov/recovery))

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#### Temporary UI stimulus benefits:

Fed., \$25/wk = \$151M to 376,751 claimants

State, \$45/wk = \$145.9M to 303,898 claimants

Summer youth jobs created: 5,505

ESD ARRA jobs created: 73

WDC ARRA jobs created: 233

ARRA jobs listed w/ WorkSource: 1,600+

Funds received / spent as of 8/31/09 (not  
including UI): \$65M / \$9.9M

ARRA Business Unit: 877-453-5906

#### WorkSource services

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Job-seekers served: 2008=274,473; Jan-Sep  
2009=286,310

Employers w/ job listings: 2008=7,575; Jan-Sep  
2009=5,904 (multiple svcs to 1 employer counted once)

Job listings: 2008=51,085; Jan-Sep 2009=44,874

Referrals: 2008=250,385; Jan-Sep 2009=248,044

Jobs filled: 2008=25,847 (50%); Jan-Sep  
2009=14,548 (32%)

WorkSource Web: [www.go2worksource.com](http://www.go2worksource.com)

#### Ag employment assistance (thru Aug. 31)

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Growers w/ job orders: 292 (-18.6% from 2008)

Ag job-seekers: 12,119 (+12.8%)

Ag job listings: 9,584 (+9%)

Job referrals: 18,882 (+26%)

H2A apps. approved: 30 of 34

H2A workers certified/hired: 1,872 / 1,549

#### ESD info

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2009-10 ESD operating budget: \$726M

# of employees, May-09: 2,268 (1,833 perm)

Employee age data: under 25=1%; age 25-  
39=19%; 40-54=42%; 55+=38%

Employees of color (May09)=29%

#### Average wage / Minimum wage in WA

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Average yearly wage\*, 2008: \$45,256 (+3.4%)

Average weekly wage\*, 2008: \$889

\* Using legislative formula

2009-10 minimum wage: \$8.55

#### More toll-free numbers

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Washington Service Corps: 888-713-6080

Labor-market information: 800-215-1617

Training benefits: 877-600-7701

Veterans (DVA): 800-562-2308